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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant : Mary Katherine Robinson et al.
Serial No. : 09/250,834
Filed : February 16, 1999
For : CRUNCHY CHEWING GUM
Examiner : Arthur L. Corbin
Art Unit : 1761
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action of April 4, 2007.

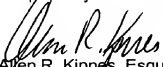
In paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Office Action, Examiner Corbin indicated that the Declaration submitted to antedate the primary reference must include a statement

that the conception and completion of the claimed invention, as described in the Declaration, occurred in the United States or in a NAFTA or WTO member country, as required by MPEP 715.07(c). It was further stated that if a complete and accurate 131 Declaration is submitted, claims 23-40 would be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants' submit herewith a Supplemental Declaration in the name of the lead inventor, Mary Katherine Robinson, which indicates all of the acts performed in establishing a conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention as described in the previously submitted Declaration of Mary Katherine Robinson were performed in the United States. It is therefore submitted that all of the requirements for an allowance of claims 23-40 have been satisfied and early passage to issue of the present application is therefore deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this matter. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

Respectfully submitted,


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